

Playground Equipment Ordered

Playground equipment for children will be installed immediately at three County beaches, it was announced by Supervisor Burton W. Chace, and installation of extensive playground equipment for youngsters at Zuma County Beach, Torrance-Clifton County

Chace pointed out that installation of the playground equipment at the County beaches "would allow for greater utilization of our beaches and add to the enjoyment of the thousands of mothers who annually visit County beach areas

Former THS Students Discuss Effective College Preparation

School Bond OK Needed, Graph Shows

Need for passing the \$10 million school bonds at the June 7 election was stressed this week in terms of a graph released by the Torrance Board of Education.

The graph indicates that 366 classrooms will be in existence by 1955 but that by 1960, 383 more classrooms will be needed.

The cost of new schools from 1948 to 1955 will amount to \$12 million. The estimated cost of additional schools needed by 1960 will total \$14 million.

Carson C of C Dinner Tonight

A victory dinner and meeting of the combined Chambers of Commerce of the Harbor district will be held tonight at the Lone Pine Inn starting at 7 p.m. preceded by a social hour at 6:30.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Austin, of 624 Pine Dr., announce the birth of son, Jeffrey Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Meredith of 1805 Ermanita Ave. announce the birth of a daughter, Kim Irene, weighing 8 pounds and 2 ounces.

"How adequately are Torrance high school students prepared for college?" was discussed Monday by a panel of four former Torrance high school students at a luncheon meeting of the Torrance Educational and Advisory Committee.

Participating in the panel presided over by John Armer, local English teacher, were Miss Carol Campbell, Miss Sally Sprout, Greg Jenkins, and David Scholl.

Good Study Habits

Scholl, majoring in oceanography at USC, emphasized the importance of proper study habits and "enthusiasm" about one's course of study. Students could be helped in high school by being taught the importance of self-discipline and proper study habits. One has to have a goal, too, to give meaning to what one is doing and studying, Scholl said, and high school counselors can help a great deal by helping students discover what they are best suited for.

English Important

Miss Campbell, a music major at Pepperdine college, also emphasized the need for acquiring proper study habits. In addition, she pointed out the importance of a good basic background in English, saying that most freshmen suddenly discover that they do not know how to write and express themselves effectively.

Jenkins, an engineering

major at El Camino, stated that "studying is a new thing and it's hard to buckle down at first."

He bore out what the other two speakers had underscored previously, that one of the most important lessons which college-preparatory students should be taught and must learn is effective study habits.

"One of the biggest problems a high school student faces," Miss Sprout, a math major at Whittier, said, "is that he does not know enough about college when he first enters high school."

Parents and counselors could help a great deal by giving students a clear understanding of the purpose of college, she said.

"Indecision"

Miss Sprout also spoke of "indecision." Many high school students are groping around for a goal, she said, and parents and counselors can help by encouraging the student in the direction of professions towards which the student seems inclined.

It is important to guide, not push, Miss Sprout stated.

Moderator John Armer said that follow-up studies to find out the opinions of students who have gone on to college have proved a great value to the local school district.

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